

**NOSB Recommendation**  
**Access to Outdoors for Poultry**  
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NOSB recommended the following clarification to the National Organic Standards regarding poultry access to outdoors:

1. Organically managed poultry must have access to outdoors. Organic livestock facilities shall give poultry the ability to choose to be in the housing or outside in the open air and direct sunshine. The producer's organic system plan shall illustrate how the producer will maximize and encourage access to the outdoors.
2. Bare surfaces other than soil (e.g. metal, concrete, wood) do not meet the intent of the National Organic Standards.
3. The producer of organically managed poultry may, when justified in the organic system plan, provide temporary confinement because of:
  - a. Inclement weather;
  - b. The stage of production (i.e. sufficient feathering to prevent health problems caused by outside exposure);
  - c. Conditions under which the health, safety, or well being of the poultry could be jeopardized;
  - d. Risk to soil or water quality.